The Government's concern about sale of Chinese arms to Pakistan was reiterated during the discussions. The Chinese Foreign Minister was of the view that the sale of Chinese arms would not undermine peace and stability in any region of the world.

Export of processed foods

1317. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the extent of exports of processed foods, excluding marine products, in 1993-94;

(b) whether the sources of such exports of processed foods have been identified State-wise; and

(c) if so, details of contribution of different States in export of processed foods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) As per the available information the export of processed foods including processed cereals (excluding marine products) in terms of Quantity and value were as under:—

	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. in crore)
1993-94	15,37,157	24,36,05

(b) and (c) The state-wise data of exports are not maintained in the Ministry.

Identification of procesed items for exports

1318. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified a number of processed items as thrust areas for exports;

(b) if so, what are these items, and

(c) what steps are being proposed to encourage such exports in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Commerce has identified following products under extreme focus:

Processed mushrooms

Tomato paste

Tropical fruit, fruit juice, pulp and concentrates

Buffalo meat

Guar Gum and

Alcoholic beverages

Marine products

Long-grain rice

(c) To encourage exports, Government is providing financial/technical assistance for setting up of units and also for developmental activities including publicity, market promotion, quality control etc., besides simplifying export-import policies.

Institutes for trainining in food processing and preservation

1319. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any institute to train the youth in food processing and preservation;

(b) if so, the names of these institutes, with their locations;

(c) whether Government propose to set up new training institutes in 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) to (d) Although the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not